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Veteran NLRB attorney Lafe Solomon named Acting General Counsel

President Obama has named veteran NLRB attorney Lafe Solomon to serve as Acting General Counsel, the top investigative and prosecutorial position in the agency. The designation is effective Monday, June 21, 2010.

Mr. Solomon, who began his agency career as a field examiner in Seattle in 1972, directed the NLRB's Office of Representation Appeals for the past decade. Previously he served in various positions on the General Counsel and Board side of the agency, including as staff attorney to 10 Board members. (The Board members were Don Zimmerman, Donald Dotson, Robert Hunter, John Higgins, James Stephens, Mary Cracraft, John Raudabaugh, William Gould, Sarah Fox and Wilma Liebman). He earned a B.A. degree in Economics from Brown University and a J.D. from Tulane University.

Ronald Meisburg, the previous General Counsel, had resigned effective this weekend to join the law firm of Proskauer Rose. His term was due to expire in August, 2010. Mr. Solomon was appointed to the position under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998.

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency vested with the power to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. The agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions.